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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dale Hunsberger, et al.

Serial No.: 08/908,896

Group Art Unit: 2837

Filed: August 8, 1997

Examiner: W. Ashton

For: SOUND ATTENUATING MOTOR
END SHIELD

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To T. Flower

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 1999, having a period of response set to expire on December 20, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An end shield for a hydraulic pump-motor of the type having a motor mechanically linked to a pump and a housing surrounding the [pump and] motor, the housing having a first and second open ends, the pump closing the first open end, the end shield closing the second open end, the end shield comprising:

a metal annular ring secured to the motor housing, the ring being attached via bolts securing the motor to the housing; and

a plastic end plate secured to the metal annular ring and substantially closing the second open end, the plastic end plate including first and second layers, the metal annular ring being sandwiched between the first and second layers.

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2. (Amended) The end shield of Claim 1 wherein [the plastic end plate including first and second layers, the metal annular ring being sandwiched between the first and second layers,] the plastic layers [being] are secured to the annular ring before attachment of the annular ring to the housing.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition For Extension Of Time**
- Applicant(s) petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).
 - Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this AMENDMENT (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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